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Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 1998/14, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Transnational organized crime". The text of the draft resolution is reproduced below.

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/159 of 23 December 1994 and 52/85 of 12 December 1997,

Taking note of the Buenos Aires Declaration on Prevention and Control of Organized Transnational Crime, adopted by the Regional Ministerial Workshop on Follow-up to the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, held at Buenos Aires from 27 to 30 November 1995,[1] the Dakar Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, adopted by the African Regional Ministerial Workshop on Action against Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, held at Dakar from 21 to 23 July 1997,[2] and the Manila Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Transnational Crime, adopted by the Asian Regional Ministerial Workshop on Action against Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, held at Manila from 23 to 25 March 1998,[3]

Convinced of the importance of continuous action by Member States aimed at the full implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and the Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, adopted by the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime, held at Naples, Italy, from 21 to 23 November 1994,[4]

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[1] E/CN.15/1996/2/Add.1, annex.
[2] E/CN.15/1998/6/Add.1, chap. I.
[3] E/CN.15/1998/6/Add.2, chap. I.
[4] A/49/748, annex, chap. I, sect. A.

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Convinced also of the need to proceed expeditiously with the elaboration of a convention against transnational organized crime,

Mindful of the fact that, pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232 of 21 July 1997, the theme for the seventh session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was "Organized transnational crime",

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime: question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime, and other possible international instruments;[5]

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Poland for acting as host to the meeting of the inter-sessional open-ended intergovernmental group of experts on the elaboration of a preliminary draft of a possible comprehensive international convention against organized transnational crime, held at Warsaw from 2 to 6 February 1998;

3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the report of the meeting of the group of experts;[6]

4. *Urges* Member States to continue making every possible effort to fully implement the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan by taking the most appropriate legislative, regulatory and administrative measures, including those aimed at prevention;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his work on the development and maintenance of the central repository established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/27 of 24 July 1996;

6. *Urges* Member States to respond promptly to the requests of the Secretary-General for data, and other information and material, including legislation and pertinent regulatory texts, by submitting such information and material in accordance with the methodological points and categorization of data set forth in annex II to Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/22 of 21 July 1997, in order to facilitate the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his work on the elaboration of training manuals for law enforcement and judicial personnel on action against transnational organized crime;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to identify and allocate within the overall budget of the United Nations adequate resources for strengthening the capacity of the Centre for International Crime Prevention in order to assist Member States in the full implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue providing Member States with technical cooperation, advisory services and other forms of assistance upon request in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including in the area of prevention and control of transnational organized crime;

10. *Decides* to establish an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc committee for the purpose of elaborating a comprehensive international convention against transnational organized crime and of discussing the elaboration, as appropriate, of international instruments addressing trafficking in women and children, combating the illicit

[5] E/CN.15/1998/6.

[6] E/CN.15/1998/5.

manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea;

11. *Welcomes with appreciation* the offer of the Government of Argentina to host an informal preparatory meeting of the ad hoc committee at Buenos Aires from 31 August to 4 September 1998, in order to enable the continuation without interruption of work on the elaboration of the convention;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene a meeting of the ad hoc committee at Vienna from 18 to 29 January 1999 and to consider the possibility of convening a second meeting before the eighth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, if this proves necessary to advance the process;

13. *Decides* to accept the recommendation of the Commission to elect Luigi Lauriola (Italy) as the Chairman of the ad hoc committee;

14. *Requests* the ad hoc committee, in carrying out its work pursuant to paragraph 10 above, to take into account the report of the inter-sessional open-ended intergovernmental group of experts established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 52/85,[7] the report of the working group on the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime,[8] including its appendices, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1998/18, 1998/19 and 1998/20;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources to convene, support and follow up the work of the ad hoc committee;

16. *Invites* donor countries to cooperate with developing countries to ensure their full participation in the work of the ad hoc committee;

17. *Requests* the ad hoc committee to submit a progress report to the Commission at its eighth session and to hold a meeting during that session for at least three working days.

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[7] Ibid.

[8] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 10* (E/1998/30 and Corr.1), annex III.